

proposed by these 3 cities that will be addressed in the joint EIS/EIR include, but are not limited to, amendments to progress guides and general plans, local coastal programs, community plans, precise plans, and zoning ordinances.

The joint EIS/EIR will consider the proposed action (issuance of a section 10(a) ESA permit for the MSCP plan), and a reasonable range of alternatives derived from scenarios considered during development of the MSCP plan:

Alternative 1: Coastal Sage Scrub Scenario. This alternative would focus on preservation of the highest quality coastal sage scrub in the planning area with less emphasis on preserving other habitat types.

Alternative 2: Biologically Preferred/ Core and Linkage Area Scenario. This alternative would attempt to preserve those lands with the highest conservation value in the planning area, including multiple habitats and habitat linkages. This alternative is based heavily on biological criteria rather than other land use issues that determine the feasibility of preservation.

Alternative 3: Public Lands Scenario. This alternative relies more heavily than the proposed plan on public lands and open space associated with existing or proposed development.

Alternative 4: No Project (No Preserve) Scenario. This alternative assumes that conservation practices throughout the study area would occur on a project-by-project basis as occurs under existing conditions. Under the no project alternative, a regional preserve would not be established at this time within the MSCP study area.

Environmental review of the MSCP will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the 1969 NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other appropriate regulations, and Service procedures for compliance with those regulations. This notice is being furnished in accordance with section 1501.7 of the NEPA to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the joint EIS/EIR.

Comments and participation in the scoping process are solicited. The primary purpose of the scoping process is to identify rather than to debate the significant issues related to the proposed action. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public scoping meeting to identify and discuss issues and alternatives that should be addressed in the joint EIS/EIR. The proposed agenda for this facilitated meeting includes a summary of the proposed action; status of and threats to

subject species; and tentative issues, concerns, opportunities, and alternatives. Additional public meetings will be conducted on later dates to provide more opportunities to comment on the draft EIS/EIR.

Dated: February 28, 1995.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of Additional Public Involvement Opportunities for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement to Allow Incidental Take of Four Threatened Species on Lands Administered by Plum Creek Timber Company in the State of Washington.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has added another scoping workshop to assist in gathering information necessary for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will consider a permit application by Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., to take federally listed species, under the provisions of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. It will also consider the development of an unlisted species agreement. This notice supplements the notice of intent published in the February 8 **Federal Register** (60 FR 7577).

DATES: Written comments regarding the scope of the EIS should be received on or before March 10, 1995. A scoping workshop will be held on March 8, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Curt Smitch; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 3773 Martin Way East; Building C, Suite 101; Olympia, Washington 98501. Comments received will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday). A scoping workshop will be held from 6:30–9:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria Area of the Walter Strom Middle School; 2694 State Route 903 (between Cle Elum and Roslyn); Cle Elum, Washington 98922.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Vogel, Wildlife Biologist; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 3773 Martin Way East; Building C, Suite 101;

Olympia, Washington 98501, (360) 534–9330.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A scoping workshop was held on February 22, 1995, in Bellevue, Washington. As a further opportunity for interested persons to comment on this planning effort, an additional scoping workshop is scheduled for 6:30–9:00 p.m. on March 8, 1995. The workshop location will be the Cafeteria Area of the Walter Strom Middle School; 2694 State Route 903 (between Cle Elum and Roslyn); Cle Elum, Washington 98922.

Interested parties may contact the Service at the address listed above to receive additional information, including a map for the workshop location.

Dated: February 28, 1995.

Frances J. Dyer,

Deputy Regional Director.

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Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces a public meeting to discuss opportunities for a voluntary program of labeling exotic birds, certification of exotic bird breeding facilities and retail outlets, and provision of privately organized or funded technical assistance to other nations, under the Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA) of 1992.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on April 6, 1995, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 200 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service building, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Susan S. Lieberman or Dr. Rosemarie S. Gnam, Office of Management Authority, at (703) 358–2095.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, hereinafter referred to as WBCA, was enacted October 23, 1992, the purposes of which include promoting the conservation of exotic birds by: ensuring that all imports into the United States of species of exotic birds are biologically sustainable and not detrimental to the species; ensuring that imported birds are not subject to inhumane treatment during capture and

transport; and assisting wild bird conservation and management programs in countries of origin.

Section 114 of the WBCA requires that "the Secretary, in consultation with appropriate representatives of industry, the conservation community, the Secretariat of the Convention, and other national and international bodies shall:

(1) Review opportunities for a voluntary program of labeling exotic birds, certification of exotic bird breeding facilities and retail outlets, and provision of privately organized or funded technical assistance to other nations; and

(2) Report to the Congress the results of this review within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act".

In accordance with the WBCA, and in an attempt to comply with the intent of Congress that the aforementioned opportunities be reviewed and considered, the Service wishes to initiate a discussion of this topic and invite review and input from the public. By this notice, the Service announces a public meeting to discuss the opportunities for a voluntary program of labeling exotic birds, certification of exotic bird breeding facilities and retail outlets, and technical assistance. This meeting will serve as a working session and the Service will facilitate the discussion of these topics and report to Congress the results of such discussions. Interested members of the public may also submit written comments to the Service on this issue, which should be addressed to the Office of Management Authority [see ADDRESSES, above].

Author: This notice was prepared by Rosemarie S. Gnam, Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (703/358-2095; FAX 703/358-2280).

Dated: February 24, 1995.

Bruce Blanchard,

Director.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale (Eagle Butte Tract, WYW124783).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the Eagle Butte Tract described below in Campbell County, WY, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the

Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, 1995. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the Third Floor Conference Room, Wyoming State Office (WSO), 2515 Warren Avenue, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, WSO, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Steele, Land Law Examiner, or Eugene Jonart, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to an application for a lease by application competitive coal lease sale filed by AMAX Land Company (formerly, Meadowlark Farms, Inc.) of Gillette, WY. The coal resources to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following described lands located approximately 3 miles north of Gillette, WY:

T. 51 N., R. 72 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 28: Lot 13 (W2);
Sec. 33: Lots 1 thru 4, 5 (E2), 6 thru 11,
12 (E2), and 14 thru 16;
Sec. 34: Lots 3 thru 6, and 9 thru 16.
Containing 1,059.175 acres.

The Eagle Butte Tract, located adjacent to the existing Eagle Butte mine, contains the Roland and Smith coal seams both of which are in the Fort Union Formation. The Roland seam averages about 40 ft. thick and the Smith seam averages about 61 ft. thick on the LBA area. The Roland seam is thicker in the LBA area than some adjacent portions of existing leases. This is due to an upper zone of the seam becoming dominantly coal on the LBA, whereas the same zone is an interbedded claystone and coal on the existing leases. Total burden on the LBA averages 217 ft. thick. There is a shaly coal split separating the Smith and Roland seams averaging about 4 ft. thick on the LBA tract. The average in-place stripping ratio (BCY/ton) for the LBA tract is estimated to be 1.99:1.

The tract contains an estimated 188,500,000 tons of in-place coal reserves. However, about 115 acres of the tract are unavailable for mining because of a required buffer for U.S. Highway 14/16. The BLM estimates that this buffer reduces minable reserves to approximately 166,400,000 tons.

The coal rank is subbituminous C. Average as received quality for the Roland seam on the LBA is 8434 BTU/LB., 4.95% ash, and 0.54% sulfur.

Average as received quality for the Smith seam on the LBA tract is 8341 BTU/LB., 4.23% ash, and 0.22% sulfur. This places the coal reserves in the LBA tract just slightly below average in heat content for coal being mined in this portion of the Power River Basin. Other quality parameters compare favorably with coal presently being mined in this area.

The tract in this lease offering contains split estate lands. The surface is not held by a qualified surface owner as defined in 43 CFR 3400.0-5.

The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid equals the fair market value for the tract. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The bid should be sent by "CERTIFIED MAIL—RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED", or be hand-delivered. The Cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. *Bids received after 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, 1995, will not be considered.* The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value (FMV). The FMV of the tract will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the Sale Official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received.

The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual advance rental of \$3.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, and of a royalty payment to the U.S. of 12½ percent of the value of coal produced by strip or auger mining methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal produced by underground mining methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 203.250(f).

Bidding instructions for the tract offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are available from the WSO at the addresses above. Case file documents are available for inspection at the WSO.

Robert A. Bennett,

DSD, Mineral Resources.

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